

Sports Stories: Gr. 4-6

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S.O.R. LOSERS

Each member of the South Orange River seventh-grade soccer team has qualities of excellence, but not on the soccer field.

Barber, Tiki KICKOFF!

When Tiki and Ronde move up to seventh grade football, they learn that seniority rules over skills, and they must decide whether to stay with the team even if it means being bench warmers.

Brooks, Bruce WOODSIE *

At the start of the new ice hockey season, Woodsie alone believes that his teammates can pick themselves up after several key players defect to a rival team.

Bruchac, Joseph THE WARRIORS

As a member of the lacrosse team and of the Iroquois heritage, Jake knows how sacred the game is, but when he moves to a boarding school and plays for their team, he finds that Coach Scott is feeding untruths to his team about the game.

Butler, Dori SLIDING INTO HOME

When thirteen-year-old Joelle, a star baseball player, moves to a new town where the only option for girls is softball, she starts an all-girl baseball league against the wishes of her school coaches and others in the town.

Christopher, Matt INLINE SKATER

Cris must choose between "aggro" skating and roller hockey, which also means choosing between his old friends and some new ones.

Christopher, Matt ON THE HALFPIPE WITH...TONY HAWK *

A biography of the skateboard sensation, Tony Hawk, who is credited with turning skateboarding from a misunderstood pastime, into a bona fide sport. [Located in Juvenile Nonfiction, Juv 796.22 H392.]

Christopher, Matt RUN FOR IT

Thirteen-year-old Theo, overweight and out of shape, finds that with his friend's support he just might be able to run in the race to raise money to help cancer patients like his aunt.

Christopher, Matt SPIKE IT

Unhappy at having to share space and family with her new stepsister Michaela when her father remarries, thirteen-year-old Jamie is further dismayed when Michaela joins her volleyball team and becomes a star player.

Christopher, Matt TENNIS ACE

Steve and Ginny are frustrated because their father ignores her talent as a tennis player while pushing him harder and harder to win at the sport.

Green, Tim FOOTBALL CHAMP

Twelve-year-old Troy's uncanny gift for predicting football plays proves a powerful secret weapon for the Atlanta Falcons, but a seedy reporter with a vendetta suspects something is going on and sets out to shred the reputations of Troy and star linebacker Seth Halloway.

Gutman, Dan BABE AND ME: A BASEBALL CARD ADVENTURE *

With their ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe and his father have the opportunity to find out whether Babe Ruth really did call his shot when he hit that homerun in the third game of the 1932 World Series against the Chicago Cubs.

Gutman, Dan THE MILLION DOLLAR PUTT *

Assisted by his neighbor, Birdie, blind thirteen-year-old Ed "Bogie" Bogard will win one million dollars if he can sink a ten-foot putt in Hawaii's fifth annual Angus Killick Memorial Tournament.

Lobdell, Scott HARDY BOYS, UNDERCOVER BROTHERS: BOARD TO DEATH

Frank and Joe go undercover at a major skateboarding contest in Venice, California, to try to find out who is killing off the competition. [Located in the Juvenile Graphic Novel section.]

Long, Loren GAME 1 *

In the late 1800s, a baseball with strange powers belonging to their late father works wonders for three children and a traveling baseball team which must raise \$10,000.

Lupica, Mike

HOT HAND: A COMEBACK KIDS NOVEL*

In the wake of his parents' separation, ten-year-old Billy seems to have continual conflicts with his father, who is also his basketball coach, but his quiet, younger brother Ben, a piano prodigy, is having even more trouble adjusting, and only Billy seems to notice.

Lupica, Mike THE MILLION-DOLLAR THROW

Eighth-grade star quarterback Nate Brodie is frantic to win a million dollars by completing a pass during the halftime of a New England Patriot's game to help his family and his best friend Abby who is going blind.

Napoli, Donna Jo SLY THE SLEUTH AND THE SPORTS MYSTERIES

Sly uses her detective skills to help her friends solve the case of the soccer switch, the kick craze and the basketball blues. [Located in Juvenile Mysteries.]

Park, Linda Sue KEEPING SCORE

In Brooklyn in 1951, a die-hard Giants fan teaches nine-year-old Maggie, who is a "Bums" (Dodgers) fan, how to use a technique to keep score of a baseball game which creates a special friendship between them.

Ritter, John THE BOY WHO SAVED BASEBALL

The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom Gallagher hopes to lead his team to victory with the secrets of the now disgraced player, Dante Del Gato.

Salisbury, Graham LORD OF THE DEEP

Working for his stepfather on a charter fishing boat in Hawaii teaches thirteen-year-old Mikey about fishing, and about taking risks, making sacrifices, and facing some of life's difficult choices.

Spurr, Elizabeth SURFER DOG

After moving to a new California beach town, eleven-year-old Pete feels lonely until he meets a dog that shares his passion for surfing.

Telander, Rick STRING MUSIC

An unlikely friendship develops between a lonely eleven-year-old boy and the professional basketball star that he idolizes.

Teitelbaum, Michael BACKYARD SPORTS: WILD PITCH *

The Backyard Bombers, a pick-up team that plays on a sandlot, is getting ready for the big game against their arch rivals, the Sluggin' Tigers, but first baseman Joey bosses his teammates around so much that their love of the game is fading fast.

Wallace, Rich THE ROAR OF THE CROWD *

After years of playing nothing but soccer in Hudson City, New Jersey, Manny has to work very hard to play on the middle school football team, using determination, speed, and smarts to make up for being small and inexperienced.

